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LAPD Reveals Footage of Donut Shop Robbery Attempt With Suspect in Bikini

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Police on July 14 released body camera footage showing the dramatic arrest of a man in a bikini who allegedly attempted to rob a donut shop in Harvard Heights earlier this year. The footage shows officers confronting the suspect, 34-year-old Christopher Hall, at a nearby apartment complex, where he appeared to be armed and refused to comply with commands.

The tense standoff ended when one officer fired a shot that missed, and another deployed a Taser to subdue Hall, who was then taken into custody without further incident. Officers later

recovered an airsoft gun and a knife at the scene. The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) said the incident remains under review, as is protocol when a firearm is discharged.

The footage has sparked online debate, with some residents praising officers for using non-lethal force, while others voiced concern over the rise in unusual and public crimes across the city.

The arrest stemmed from a bizarre attempted robbery on May 30, 2025, when Hall allegedly walked into a Winchell's Donut House wearing a bikini and pink fabric. According to LAPD reports, he tried to rob the store but was quickly thwarted by quick-thinking staff.

Employees tossed cash in an apparent attempt to distract him, and one used a cart to shove him out of the shop. Hall fled the scene empty-handed. No one was injured during the attempted robbery.

LAPD officers quickly tracked Hall to a nearby apartment complex, where the situation escalated. Hall's refusal to drop what looked like a weapon prompted officers to act swiftly. "The suspect's behavior posed a clear threat," a police spokesperson said. "Fortunately, no serious injuries occurred."

Though no formal charges have been announced, Hall remains in custody as the investigation continues. Authorities are urging anyone with more information to contact the department.

The surreal nature of the incident, featuring a man in women's swimwear attempting to rob a donut shop, has drawn significant attention from locals and social media users alike. Locals familiar with the area said the whole thing seemed like something out of a strange movie. A man in a bikini robbing a donut shop? It caught many off guard, especially those who live or work nearby.

Residents shared mixed reactions online about how the LAPD handled the situation. Some praised officers for showing restraint and choosing to use a Taser instead of lethal force. Others expressed concern about crime in the city, questioning how such incidents continue to happen in broad daylight.

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